St. Philip – St. Teresa Parish Council Minutes

February 3, 2021

Present: Joe Conway (Chair), Peg Duffy, Mary Griffith (Liturgy), Dolores Novello, Fr. Bala,

 Sid Tarango, Hal McGuirk, Janis Wilson, Diane Schwab (Recorder)

Opening Prayer: Mary Griffith, Fr. Bala

Minutes of 12/3/20 approved as distributed.

Ongoing Business

 Rural Food Program Report – Hal Mc Guirck

 Set up with two tents working to keep volunteers and clients dry. Numbers down –

 75 in January, 80 in December. Perishables remaining after distribution sent to the Palms.

 Liturgy Committee – Mary Griffith

 Ash Wednesday Masses 9:00 at St. Philip’s, 12:00 at St. Teresa’s. Committee is creating a

 Lenten calendar with different activities; will be posted on the website and distributed at

 Masses. Plans for Easter Week Services will be determined later, based on the Bishop’s

 Guidelines.

 Finance Council – Fr. Bala

 General Report – the Parish is doing OK, projected to meet monthly expenses over the next

 2 months. Unable to project further since weekly collections are uncertain. Awaiting interest

 Check from Christian Brothers ($4000). End of year total for the Endowment Fund is

 $227,360.85, including $37,000 of cemetery funds. Next meeting 2/25

 To enhance Parish Council-Finance Council communication and coordination, Joe and Diane

 Request to be on the distribution list for minutes and monthly financial reports, approved

 by Fr. Bala.

COVID 19 Update

 Indoor services still restricted; Fr. Bala will maintain sign in list for daily masses.

 Parish Hall use restricted to Rural Food Program, an essential service. Hal will follow up

 On possible unauthorized use by others.

New Business

 Celebrate Letter - Copies mailed to all parishioners 1/30/21. First step in plan to reconnect with

 Parishioners to encourage participation in and support of the Parish. Potential fundraiser

 suggested by Cathy Mc Cool and Mary Briggs of the Celebrate Committee – an on-line auction

 late this Spring.

 Web Site Update – Joe has completed updates, including contact individual information for

 specific groups. Will resume posting Parish Council minutes on the site.

 Welcome Letter – Approved by Council; Diane will coordinate with Fran and Val to identify new

 Parishioners, and will send out letter as contact person.

 New Door at St. Teresa’s has been installed. Joe looking at potential “sound” alarm deterrents.

Next Meeting: March 24 at 4:00 PM